

LACING SYSTEM

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

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 This is a Continuation-In-Part application of pending US application serial # 10/098,218 filed March 14, 2002, ^{now abandoned} the disclosure of which is hereby fully incorporated by reference, which is a Continuation-In-Part application of international application # PCT/US01/28664 filed September 14, 2001, the disclosure of which is hereby fully incorporated by reference, which entered the U.S. National stage as application serial Number 10/089,633 filed March 28, 2002. This application is ~~entitled~~ ^{related to} ~~to the benefit of~~ Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/355,287 filed February 6, 2002. The prior art of pending US application serial # 10/098,218 filed March 14, 2002 is included in this application.

1. Field of Invention

The present invention relates to the manner in which laces traverse the adjustable opening of sneakers for fastening. More generally, this invention relates to a lacing system which, in addition to fastening shoes, can be used to fasten articles of manufacture such as corsets, garments, orthopedic devices, or luggage etc.

2. Description of the Related Art

To tightly fasten conventional sneakers the user criss-crosses and pulls on the two (2) lace ends at each eyelet pair, starting at the bottom eyelets, until he reaches the top eyelets, after which he makes a bow knot to secure the shoe. In this manner, the laces have been tightened to provide a snug fit. Of course, some users will not